



March 2006 Workshop Comment Summary

Bicyclists/pedestrians

- Will be using the new pedestrian bridge. If possible, need to accommodate during construction
- A 10-ft detached bike path would be much safer and fit better within the context of the community than using the proposed sidewalk and shoulder of the road for bicycle and pedestrians
- The City of Moab has received enhancement funds to build a bike path along US-191
- Enhancement funds may not be enough to implement the entire path
- Moab City plans to annex land up to the Colorado River Bridge and the gateway plan requires new businesses to build a detached bike lane as they develop
- The path would follow the natural ground. A minimum of 5 feet is typically needed between the road and the bike path, but additional separation is desired where it can be obtained.
- Might need to stop the separated path north of constrained areas, or consider changing the typical section to a 4-ft shoulder and 10-ft sidewalk in these areas.
- The pedestrian access rock art south of Courthouse Wash will need to remain open after construction.
- Tie in Courthouse Wash Structure for bikes/pedestrians.

Desert bighorn sheep north of the bridge

- Fencing is not recommended
- Caution signs could make travelers aware of this issue
- Will need to prevent observers from stopping in travel lane during construction

Planned BLM kiosk by Potash Road

- There is no determined location at this time and the specific location is not important to BLM.

Timing of construction

- Avoid peak business times and notify travelers, not just Moab City.

Utilities

- Grand County water/sewer would like to use the bridge
- Frontier Communications has equipment at Station 172 (box on west side)
- Questar may want to extend to the bridge, but not across the bridge
- UDOT's permit process would apply to any utility requests across the bridge. This process should be initiated so that additional loads can be considered in design.
- Questar Gas does not currently have utilities located across the Colorado River. There are currently no plans to extend the system across the river.
- There may be Questar Gas mains affected by a road widening from 400 North to the Colorado River Bridge. Please contact Questar for updated utility plans.
- There are no Questar Gas services or planned services from Courthouse Wash to SR-279

Design issues

- It is difficult to turn at N. Mivida Drive, suggest a turning lane.



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- A traffic light at 400 North would slow traffic, solve turning problems, and improve visibility. Allow a crosswalk that would be honored hopefully.

Aesthetics

- Artwork could be constructed on pillars that are not part of the bridge structure, but placed at the approaches
- Would love to see real aesthetic consideration. Something semi-architectural-historic that would take the gorgeous environment into consideration. The gateway to Moab should be exciting, enticing, memorable, and fun.
- Could be locally or privately funded
- The community could get people involved by having a contest for the design

Agency Coordination

- Department of Energy will be adding acceleration/deceleration lanes in front of their property during the 2006 construction season.
- Arches Transportation Plan is expected to be complete by Summer 2006
- Grand County Master Plan / Arches Transportation Plans are proposing that Lion's Park would be the hub for shuttles going to Arches. This would be a local shuttle service and would not be managed by the park.

Drainage

- The city has drainage concerns and suggested that corridors for outfalls be identified now so as the area is developed, they can tie into the City and County system.
- Drainage issues should be addressed between the City, County, and UDOT.

Purpose and Need

- Re-study bypass for trucks at portal.